

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

April 30, 1953
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Drake presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Absent: None

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long moved that the Minutes of the Special meeting of April 22, 1953, be amended to show the word "foreman" in place of "Superintendent", and approved as amended. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

MISS OLIVIA ZAPATA, 2108 Castro, reported this area flooded after the big rain Tuesday night. She reported a creek in front of her house that was overflowing and washing the banks away. The City Manager reported that this was a major drainage problem which would involve the County and several hundreds of thousands of dollars. It was reported that people used this ditch for dumping. Councilman Long suggested putting up signs along warning people there was a fine for dumping. Councilman White had inspected this area and he stated he found trees and drift in the culverts. The City Manager stated after every rain the crews had to do a lot of clearing out.

MR. CONRAD FATH asked the Council to condemn the area under recent discussion at LaGuna Gloria for a public park, to beautify it, place a public telephone there, picnic tables, a fence to separate the LaGuna Gloria property from the boat area and to construct restroom facilities. He requested that the entire Taylor Slough area be condemned and made into a beautiful park, and that he understood that three of the five owners were willing to give this property to the City for a recreational park. He asked the Council to act immediately on this. He asked that the area at the mouth of Bee Creek be developed into a park. JUDGE McCLENDON spoke with reference to the Resolution adopted by the Fine Arts Association Committee, which resolution was presented to the Council the past week. MRS. EMILY MAVERICK MILLER, member of the Association, did not want the City to force itself in on the property; MISS PATRICIA CLABAUGH wanted some place where the children of Austin could go to swim and fish and stated that Austin was on the most beautiful lake, but it had become a private lake. MISS HEGEMAN would like to see Austin support Art as it had music; that the Fine Arts Association had done much to keep this estate and she did not think this historical spot should become a boat ramp. MR. M. H. CROCKETT favored using this area for a park. MRS. D. K. BRACE, MISS DONNA CARLSON and MRS. T. J. HOLBROOK asked that consideration be given for places for the boat ramp other than at the property of LaGuna Gloria. Later on in the meeting, the Mayor suggested that the Council instruct the City Manager to prepare as closely as possible an estimate on the cost of acquiring the property at Taylor Slough, the piece of property across the river at Bee Creek, and the Stevens property; the cost of development and the amount of time involved. No action on the Texas Fine Arts Resolution making four requests of the City, was taken at this time but postponed until next Thursday. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to make a list of the known private organizations of the City that are on the tax roll at one-half rate or not on at all, or given some concessions. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long stated she would like a list of all known private organizations to see where the city stands, whether or not it is carrying out the spirit of the law and letter, and an analysis of the whole picture.

With regard to the boat ramp and the Fine Arts Association, Councilman White felt the Council acted too hastily, and he did not believe in taking anybody's property without giving that man a change to defend himself.

The Council noted the Memorandum from the City Attorney, dated April 28, 1953, stating the City was not liable to the Fine Arts Association for any damages to it or its property. (On File under LEGAL DEPARTMENT)

MR. BOB IRVIN had a complaint about his light bill running \$17.00 more than his average. He stated he had talked to the Adjuster. The City Manager said he would look into the matter.

MR. M.H.CROCKETT appeared protesting any change in the Zoning Ordinance adding the Sixth Height and Area District.

Mr. James P. Yeates, Chairman of the Auditorium Committee, presented the following:

"To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
Austin, Texas

"We, your Auditorium Advisory Committee, respectfully wish to report as follows.

"We commend you for your action in dedicating a portion of the Butler Tract as the site for a Municipal Auditorium.

"We likewise commend you for making funds available for this committee to secure the advisory service of a special committee from the International Association of Auditorium Managers, which committee's report has previously been submitted to you and served as a guide in the development of subsequent plans.

"Based upon your authorization the services of the architectural firms of Jessen, Jessen, Millhouse and Greeven and Page, Southerland and Page, have prepared as associated architects, a preliminary municipal auditorium design report, which is attached and is an integral part of your committee's report.

"We concur with the associate architects in their recommendations for the creation of auditorium and exhibit facilities, same to be integrated with the present Coliseum, as well as those additional technical details which will give the project the maximum utility.

"It is the considered opinion of your Advisory Committee that you and your successors view with an open mind the proposal that the sum of \$150,000 be added to the architects minimum recommendations in order that better finishes and additional equipment consistent with good management be included in the financing of the project.

"It is also our recommendation that sufficient additional funds be included in the over-all planning to make possible the air conditioning of the lobby and exhibit space since the use of this space during the hot summer months will account for probably not less than 50% of the total convention financial benefits to be received by the community.

"It is our further recommendation that detailed studies be made for the possible utilization of other unused portions of the Butler Tract to be used as parking areas to serve the auditorium and exhibit space, the Coliseum, and the Ballpark patrons, with the view of such parking space being a self-liquidating project through the use of parking meters located thereon. Due consideration should be given to the possibility of parking space on the Butler Tract providing a source of off-street parking and the removal of off-street parking for the main business district when the bridge now under construction is completed.

"In view of pending legislation that would have a bearing upon the possible issuance of revenue bonds and a flexibility of special funds, it is the considered opinion of this committee that further studies of the possible best financing plan receive further study and recommendation at the conclusion of the present session of the Legislature.

"As long ago as 1914, there appeared upon the minutes of the Austin Chamber of Commerce a statement that "a municipal auditorium is Austin's greatest civic

need". The effort at that time did not get beyond the discussion stage. In May of 1946, the electorate of Austin voted favorably upon the issuance of tax bonds in the sum of \$400,000 with which to build, what was then considered, an adequate auditorium, but which by subsequent increases in cost and developments, proved to be an entirely inadequate projection of our needs in this civic realm.

"It is the considered opinion of the members of this committee that the civic and business interests of Austin, recognize the need for, and tremendous community asset to be achieved, through the construction of a Municipal Auditorium and that with the evolvement of a judicious plan for financing same, that this Council, or a subsequent Council, will receive maximum public approval and support in making an Auditorium available to Austin at the earliest possible time.

"Respectfully submitted,
 (Sgd) James P. Yeates, Chairman
 John S. Burns, Vice Chairman
 Jay H. Brown
 Chester Snyder
 T. H. Williams, Jr."

Mr. Yeates filed with the Council the "Municipal Auditorium Design Report, by Jessen, Jessen, Millhouse and Greeven, Page Southerland and Page, Associate Architects. (On File Under AUDITORIUM) Mr. Frank Quinn expressed the hopes that Austin would have an Auditorium within a short time. Councilman MacCorkle suggested that the Council meet with this Committee and go over this. Councilman Long suggested inviting the new Council in on the meeting. The Mayor felt this was a project to be passed on to the incoming Council.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, MAY 6, 1937, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "K", PAGES 159-179, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BY AMENDING SECTION 12(b) OF ARTICLE III RELATING TO STOP SIGN LOCATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
 Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman MacCorkle moved

that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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Noes: None

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ON LOT 7 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 6, BLOCK 169, ORIGINAL CITY IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGE HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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DISTRICT; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE
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Noes: None

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in PORTER STREET, from Vargas Road westerly 375 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said PORTER STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main in LARRY LANE, from a point 243 feet south of Clarkson Avenue northerly 199 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said LARRY LANE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, R. P. Farnsworth & Company, Inc. is the Contractor for the erection of a building located at 314 West 11th Street and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 134, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, during the erection of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. THAT space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said R. P. Farnsworth & Company, Inc., the boundary of which is described as follows:

Sidewalk and Street Working Space

Beginning at the northwest corner of the above described property; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Guadalupe Street to a point 22 feet west of the west property line; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Guadalupe Street 160 feet to a point; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Guadalupe Street to the southwest corner of the above described property;

Thence in a southerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of West 11th Street 22 feet to a point; thence in an easterly direction and parallel with the centerline of West 11th Street 138 feet to a point; thence in a northerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of West 11th Street to the southeast corner of the above described property.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to the said R. P. Farnsworth & Company, Inc., hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1). That the Contractor shall erect and maintain continuously in good condition during the use of said space hereby allotted a substantial walkway at least 4 feet wide in the clear on the inside and at least 8 feet high, the same to be covered solidly on the street side with boards to a height of 4 feet above pavement and on the building side to be covered solidly with boards to a height of 8 feet. The top of the walkway shall be covered solidly with boards at least 2 inches thick, which shall be supported at intervals sufficiently close to prevent sagging of the roofing boards. The roof of said walkway shall be covered with a roofing material which will prevent leaking of the roof and provide a dry walkway at all times. No wood strips or obstructions of any kind shall be permitted along the pavement within the walkway, and at any time in the opinion of the City officials it becomes necessary for any reason to install a board floor within the walkway, the Contractor shall upon notice from the Building Inspector immediately place such a wood floor and substantially support same to prevent sagging under load.

(2). That the Contractor is permitted to construct in his working space a substantial gate which shall be kept closed at all times when not in use, and at all times that such gate is open, the Contractor shall maintain a person at this gate to warn pedestrians and vehicles of approaching trucks. This gate is not to open out so as to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(3). That no vehicles in loading or unloading material at the working space shall park on any part of the street outside of the allotted working space.

(4). That "NO PARKING" signs shall be placed on the street side of the barricades.

(5). That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space, provided such work office is not within 25 feet of any corner street intersection.

(6). That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such barricades.

(7). That provisions shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the Contractor shall be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm water.

(8). That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness and provide lighting system for all tunnels.

(9). That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstructions shall be removed not later than February 1, 1954.

(10). That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(11). That the use and enjoyment of the spaces herein granted shall not be exclusive as against public needs, and the City, in making such grant reserves the right to enter and occupy any part or all of said space any time with its public utilities, or for other necessary public purposes.

(12). That any public utility, or public or private property, disturbed or injured as a result of any of the activities necessary for the completion of the construction work for said building projects, whether done by the Contractor, City forces, or public utilities, shall be replaced or repaired at the Contractor's expense.

(13). That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims or damages to any person by reason of the exercise or abuse of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Mayor Drake brought up the following ordinance for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 6.2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE HENRY WARNELL SURVEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH 6.2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IS ALL THAT PORTION OF A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION TO BE KNOWN AS DEVONSHIRE PARK, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN THE PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following certificate from the City Tax Assessor and Collector:

"THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF TRAVIS:

"I do hereby certify that I have examined the reels of photographic reproductions identified and described in the schedule set out below, and that each reel of such photographic reproductions constitutes a true and accurate reproduction of the original records of the Department of Taxation of the City of Austin listed in said schedule opposite the description of such reel.

"Journal of Uncollectable Delinquent Personal Property Taxes
Authorized By The City Council March 13, 1952.

<u>Reel No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reel No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1930 - T1	A-Z	1944 - T1	A-C
1933 - T1	A-W	T2	C-F
T2	W-Z	T3	F-K
		T4	K-M
1936 - T1	A-D	T5	M-S
T2	D-R	T6	S-W
T3	R-Z	T7	W-Z
1941 - T2	A-C	1952 - T1	A-C
T3	C-H	T2	C-H
T4	H-M	T3	H-Mc
T5	M-V	T4	Mc-R
T6	V-Z	T5	R-W
		T6	W-Y

"In testimony whereof I have set my official hand this the 29th day of April A. D., 1953.

"(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
Tax Assessor and Collector
of the City of Austin"

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain ordinance enacted on March 19, 1953, authorizing the City Tax Assessor and Collector to photographically reproduce

certain records of the Department of Taxation, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has made photographic reproductions of various original records of such Department and has filed with the Council a certificate certifying that such photographic reproductions constitute a true and accurate reproduction of such original records, and,

WHEREAS, such certificate is in due form, correct and entitled to be approved by the Council, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Certificate of the City Tax Assessor and Collector filed with the Council and attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and it is hereby approved.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

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That the Certificate of the City Tax Assessor and Collector filed with the Council and attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and it is hereby approved.

(Certificate Attached)

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Real and Personal Property Assessments
(Block Books)

Reel No.	Ward
1876 - T2	1-10
1878 - T2	
1878 - T3	6- 9
1879 - T3	
1880 - T1	1-10
1881 - T1	
1882 - T3	1-10
1883 - T3	
1884 - T3	
1886 - T4	1- 9
1887 - T4	
1888 - T4	1- 8
1889 - T4	
1890 - T1	1-10
1891 - T1	
Years	
Unknown -T2	1-10

In testimony whereof I have set my official hand this the 29th day of April A. D., 1953.

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
Tax Assessor and Collector
of the City of Austin

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain ordinance enacted on March 19, 1953, authorizing the City Tax Assessor and Collector to photographically reproduce certain records of the Department of Taxation, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has made photographic reproductions of various original records of such Department and has filed with the Council a certificate certifying that such photographic reproductions constitute a true and accurate reproduction of such original records, and,

WHEREAS, such certificate is in due form, correct and entitled to be approved by the Council, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Certificate of the City Tax Assessor and Collector filed with the Council and attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and it is hereby approved.

(Certificate attached)

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF TRAVIS:

I do hereby certify that I have examined the reels of photographic reproductions identified and described in the schedule set out below, and that each reel of such photographic reproductions constitutes a true and accurate reproduction of the original records of the Department of Taxation of the City of Austin listed in said schedule opposite the description of such reel.

Tax Collections Receipts					
Reel No.	Desc.	Reel No.	Desc.	Reel No.	Desc.
1876 - T1	A-M	1889 - T1	A-S	1900 - T1	A-B
	T2 M-Z		T-Z		T2 B-W
	(Q-R missing)	1890 -	A-Z		T3 W-Z & Supplements
1877 -	(A-D missing)	1891 - T1	A-Z	1901 - T1	A-K
	T3 E-Z	1892 - T1	A-Z		T2 K-Z & Supplements
1878 - T4	A-Z	1893 - T1	A-E	1902 - T1	A-Z & Supplements
1879 - T5	A-Z		T2 F-Z	1903 - T1	A-S
1880 - T6	A-Z	1894 - T1	A-Z		T2 S-Z & Supplements
1881 - T1	A-Z	1895 - T1	A-Z	1904 - T1	A-S
1882 - T7	A-Z	1896 - T1	A-P		T2 S-Z & Supplements
1883 - T1	A-Z		T2 P-Z	1905 - T1	A-S
1884 - T8	A-Z	1897 - T1	A-Z & Supplements		T2 S-Z & Supplements
1885 - T1	A-Z		T2 Supplements	1906 - T1	A-Z
1886 - T9	A-Z	1898 - T1	A-W	1907 - T1	A-Z
1887 - T1	A-Z		T2 W-Z	1908 - T1	A-D
1888 - T1	A-Z	1899 - T1	A-Z & Supplements		T2 E-U
					T3 U-Z & Supplements
				1909 - T1	A-Z & Supplements

In testimony whereof I have set my official hand this the 29th day of April A. D., 1953.

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
Tax Assessor and Collector
of the City of Austin

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the final plat of the subdivision known as "Grant Park", approved by the City Planning Commission of the City of Austin on April 9, 1953, be and the same is hereby accepted and authorized to be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, and the ordinances of the City of Austin, and that this action of the City Council be indicated by appropriate notation, signed by the Mayor, on the original plat of said subdivision prior to its recording in the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the final plat of the subdivision known as "Woodland Hills, Section One", approved by the City Planning Commission of the City of Austin on April 23, 1953, be and the same is hereby accepted and authorized to be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, and the ordinances of the City of Austin, and that this action of the City Council be indicated by appropriate notation, signed by the Mayor, on the original plat of said subdivision prior to its recording in the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Council had under consideration the report of the City Manager on "Pay and Related Information on City Employees". The Mayor suggested that the Council find the amount, then attempt to find the revenues to take care of that amount. Councilman Long submitted the following report of her findings:

"A \$20 a month across-the-board pay raise without new taxes.

"On March 31, 1953, the City has 2160 full-time, part-time and seasonal employees, actually employed, making less than \$5,000 a year.

"2160 x \$20 a month (10¢ per hour for hourly workers) equals \$345,600 for the eight months from May 1 this year. This is a very liberal estimate, since it includes part-time employees, as well as full-time.

"The City's payroll is up 76% from 1947 to 1952. This includes additional employees as well as pay increases.

"The growth is indicated by these figures on full-time employees actually working at these times:

April 1, 1951-----1688
 April, 1952-----1922
 March, 1953-----1988

"One additional \$300-a-month employee is a \$20 raise for 15.

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"Page 4, 1953 budget as adopted by Council, shows these estimates of money on hand Jan. 1, 1953:

General Fund-----\$ 6,684
 Utility Fund----- 300,072
 Total \$ 306,756

"The budget was adopted on this basis, but the audit shows that actually these amounts were in those funds when the year started:

General Fund-----\$ 136,082.92
 Utility Fund----- 269,466.74
 Total \$ 405,549.66

"This means that we had on hand -----\$98,793.66 more than we thought we had.

"This amount is therefore available for appropriation.

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"Page 4, 1953 budget, estimates that on Dec. 31, 1953, there will be these amounts left over:

General Fund-----\$ 3,418
 Utility Fund----- 25,881
 Total surplus \$ 29,299
 Unappropriated

"This means that we have-----\$29,299 available for appropriation

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"Page 3, quarterly financial report, shows that the money from the sale of the veterans housing units was not listed in expected revenue from sale of property. Therefore, the money couldn't have been appropriated, so it's still there.

"This means that we have here-----\$40,000 available for appropriation.

"The budget estimate was that Brackenridge Hospital income would run

slightly less in 1953 than it ran in 1952. The quarterly financial statement shows that actually, hospital income for the first quarter is \$12,969 ahead of last year. This fact, plus possible additional income from hospital accounts if the Auditor's recommendation for a drive to collect delinquent accounts, makes it very reasonable to assume that we can now revise that estimate of hospital income upward by \$50,000 a year (4 x \$12,500).

"This means that we will thus make -----\$50,000
available for appropriation.

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"The Manager's Report to the Council of April 22, 1953, shows:

"Total March Payroll-----\$510,000
Total employes, full and
part time----- 2,205

"Thus, by division, we get:
Average monthly salary, all employes-----\$231.

"The January, February and March month-end personnel reports show this many full-time jobs, for which salaries were appropriated, as vacant:

"Jan. 31-----173
Feb. 28-----148
Mar. 31-----143

"Average Number of vacancies-----154
times average salary-----\$231
equals-----\$35,574, which is

ONE month's unused salary appropriation.

"Three months times \$35,574 equals-----\$106,722.
This is an indicated surplus on
April 1, 1953, available for re-appropriation

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"The Utility Fund budget appropriates, for refunds to sub-dividers, a total of \$300,000.

"Sub-dividers' refunds are generally paid in full during the first quarter of the year.

"The quarterly financial statement, Page 1, shows only \$245,101.77 paid in refunds to subdividers.

"This means that -----\$54,898
will not be needed, and is therefore,
available for reappropriation.

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"Page XII of the Manager's letter of transmittal, sets up these amounts of recreation bond money to be used to pay for land which had already been bought before the bonds were sold:

"Brentwood Tract-----\$10,000

Pan American Center -----	5,500
Manchaca Rd. Tract -----	8,000
New Golf Course -----	20,000
	<u>\$ 43,500</u>

"Any part of this which had been borrowed from the general or utility fund, and which has been repaid, will be available for appropriation. But since the audit and financial report don't indicate, no figure is used from this possible source.

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"Some of the divisions are overspending, according to their first quarter financial statements. They are:

Municipal Court-----	29.25%
Purchasing-----	27.83%
Abattoir-----	28.36%
Libraries-----	27.12%
Customer Accounting-----	32.94%

"This should be watched, to make sure that these divisions don't overspend their budgets and use up surplus money needed for pay increases.

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"Two other factors need to be taken into account, in reverse. The special charter election seems to have cost \$16,950, according to the quarterly financial statement. Veterans Service seems to have cost \$2100 more than was expented. So we must

Deduct from the surpluses available for appropriation or re-appropriation-----	\$19,050.
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"SUMMING up, we find these amounts available to finance to pay raise:

Unanticipated cash at Jan. 1-----	\$ 98,000
Unappropriated year-end surplus-----	29,000
Veterans Housing income-----	40,000
Revised hospital estimate-----	50,000
Lapsed salary appropriations-----	106,000
Unneeded utility refund approps-----	<u>54,000</u>
Total Available for appropriation-----	\$377,000
Less unbudgeted expenses-----	<u>19,000</u>
	\$358,000
Needed for eight-month pay raise-----	345,000

"But there are further possibilities, through economy and efficiency.

"There are probably 150 vacant jobs right now, At the rate figured for the first quarter, that would be another \$300,000 worth of salary appropriations.

"If the Council should freeze those vacancies as of today, and temporarily abolish those jobs.

"Then we could ask the City Manager and his department heads to study

their operations carefully, to see if those jobs are absolutely necessary.

"Rank and file employees should be told what we have in mind. They will have suggestions as to how the work they are doing, and the work those non-existent employees would be doing, could be done more efficiently.

"The Council could, after giving time for study and thought, call in the City Manager, and the Department heads, for a session in the nature of a show cause hearing.

"The administration would be asked to show cause why those jobs-- now vacant--- should not be abolished.

"If they can show that the job is necessary, then the Council would leave it alone.

"But perhaps they would find, when called on to justify the job, that perhaps they could find a better, more efficient way, to handle their work. Perhaps they could make a transfer, and eliminate another job.

"Remember, a \$300 job eliminated will give 15 employees a \$20 a month raise.

"Let's see if an incentive plan like this won't result in fewer, better paid, employees.

"Let's try to leave the new Council a better organization, and at the same time give the taxpayer a break."

Councilman MacCorkle stated he would like to study this proposal and would like for the City Manager and Finance Officer to study it. No action was taken by the Council at this time pending further study.

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin has found that public necessity requires the opening, construction and maintenance of an additional street, highway, and freeway in the City of Austin extending from its north limits to its south limits, said street, highway and freeway being commonly known as "Interregional Highway"; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that public necessity requires the opening, construction and maintenance of streets intersecting the said "Interregional Highway"; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has found and determined that the hereinafter described land is suitable for such purposes and that it is necessary to acquire said land for such street, highway and freeway and an intersecting street thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has negotiated with the owner of such land and has been unable to agree with such owner as to the fair cash market value thereof; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file or cause to be filed against all owners and lienholders, a suit in eminent domain to acquire fee simple title to the following described tract of land:

0.57 of one acre of land, more or less, same being all of that certain tract of land out of Outlot 71 in Division 0 of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Government Outlots on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas, which was conveyed to Maurice D. Hall by warranty deed dated October 3, 1952, of record in Volume 1289, page 278, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, said 0.57 of one acre of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the south line of Waterfront Street and from which point, the point of intersection of the south line of Waterfront Street with the west line of Waller Street bears S. 67° 00'E. 150.00 feet;

THENCE southerly following a line parallel to the west line of Waller Street S 22° 44'W. 100.00 feet to a point;

THENCE following a line parallel to the south line of Waterfront Street N. 67° 00'W 250.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 22° 44'E 100.00 feet to a point on the south line of Waterfront Street;

THENCE with the south line of Waterfront Street, S. 67° 00'E. 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

JOE O. PROWSE &
FLOYD L. EDWARDS

2315-23 East 7th Street

From "D" Industrial
To "C-2" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the
Plan Commission

MISS EMILY HILL appeared in opposition stating there were too many places selling beer now in this neighborhood. MR. GIBSON RANDLE appeared in behalf of the applicant, stating beer had been sold at this location under a temporary permit and they were not trying to zone it where they could continue in business. At this time the temporary permit had expired. The Mayor stated he would like to make a personal inspection of the property. Action on the application was deferred until the meeting of May 7th, 1953.

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PITTS ICE COMPANY

1619-1621 East 1st Street

From "C" Commercial
To "C-1" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the
Plan Commission

MR. TRUEMAN E. O'QUINN represented the applicant. No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked that those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Plan Commission and granting the change to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Johnson

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted and an ordinance would be drawn the following week.

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E. L. STECK ESTATE

2905-2935 Guadalupe Street

From "C-1" Commercial
To "C-2" Commercial
RECOMMENDED only
the West 58' of Lots
2 & 3 by the Plan
Commission

MR. JOHN COATS represented the applicant, stating the change had been requested in order that the owner of the existing package store across the street might move to this location. The building at this location has been vacant. The operator of the package store had agreed not to operate a tavern. This move will not add any more additional package stores in this area. No opposition appeared. The Mayor read letters of opposition; also a petition protesting the change. The Mayor asked that those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Plan Commission and granting the change to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the change of zoning had been granted only on the west 58 feet of Lots 2 and 3, and that the ordinance would be drawn for next week. (2905-2911 Guadalupe)

The Mayor then asked that those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Plan Commission and denying the change of the remainder of the property included in the application to say "aye"; those opposed to say no. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the rest of the property included in the application had not been changed. (2913-2935 Guadalupe)

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A. VAN SMITH

2703 Sol Wilson St.

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial
NOT RECOMMENDED

Councilman Long stated this location had been a store for a long time, and the applicant wanted to repair the building, as the Health Officer had recommended. He cannot get a permit to repair the building used commercially, and he wanted to change the zone. The Mayor asked that those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Plan Commission and denying the change to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: None
Noes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted and that an ordinance would be drawn to cover.

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ROBERT VAN ZANDT

3505 East 12th Street

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial
NOT RECOMMENDED by
the Plan Commission

Councilman Long had inspected this property and felt that the applicant was a little premature in asking for the change of zoning. She suggested it would be better that he withdraw the application at this time. The Council took no action on this application, and postponed the matter indefinitely.

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The Council noted that the application of ROY SCHNAUTZ for change of zoning at 1407 West 5th Street would be reset for hearing on May 7th and would not be heard today.

The Council received notice that the following application for change of zoning had been referred to the Plan Commission:

MRS. LILLIAN C. WRIGHT 1616 & 1618 West 5th Street From "B" Residence
To "C" Commercial

The Council noted the Memorandum which the City Manager sent out regarding the recommendation from the Traffic Engineer, dated April 23, 1953, that a "Yield Right-of-Way" sign be placed at 54th and Avenue G instead of stop signs.

MR. OTTO REIMANN, 1705 South 6th, made inquiry about the closing of South 6th Street. The matter was referred to the City Manager.

Councilman Long had a report regarding the changes in voting wards and asked that maps be printed; and when printed sent along with this report to the members of the Council, the Commissioners Court, and the Democratic Chairman.

The Mayor had a request from MR. E. JUUL regarding the exchange of some property, and asked the City Attorney to look into this matter. The property was indicated on some sketches and turned over to the City Attorney.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to comment on the procedures at the Abattoir with reference to the boning of meat. The City Manager explained about the government meat inspectors, paid by the government; about boning the meat, the sale of the bones, etc. The meat company that was using space at the Abattoir was giving the City the bones in return which the City could sell. He stated there were no other requests for the space, that it had been hard to find someone to do this type of work; that if there were several operators interested, the space would not be available.

The Mayor stated that the people who wanted to buy the eight houses in the housing unit by the Incinerator were interested in moving them somewhere in Travis County after renovating them, adding new roofs and new sidings. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to sell the remaining of the housing project and set up minimum standards to allow this project as well as the one sold already to be kept in the county, providing there would be no duplex or multiple units or tourist courts. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The City Manager stated he would like to have the Council approve an appropriation of \$6,700 for the salary of a Planner, that he believed would accept. Councilman Long moved that the request of the City Manager be approved for \$6,700.00 for the hiring of the Planner to carry out the mandate of the Charter. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long stated MRS. HOWARD McCALL, 3206 E. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street, had asked for fire plugs in that area, as there were twenty-three houses with good water pressure, but no fire plugs, and a house burned in that area recently. She asked that a report be made on this.

Councilman Long stated MRS. RABY and MRS. TOM CONNELLY on Rountree complained about the bad condition of Boggy Creek; that when it rains it overflows. She stated Mr. Bascom Giles owned the property and had agreed to give the easement; that he said the city could have all the property it wanted, but he did not want to pay for the dredging. Councilman White had previously brought the matter up, and made some investigations. The Director of Public Works stated it would take \$6,000 to deepen the channel from 19th to Manor Road. Councilman Long asked that this be checked and see about the easements.

Councilman Long stated DOROTHY WARD, 4308 Jinks Avenue, reported the street was in bad condition after heavy rains.

The Mayor stated a communication had been received from MRS. W. B. HOUSTON, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of St. Stevens School, asking to buy a certain building now owned by the City, located at 1105 Edgecliff Terrace, the city having purchased this property for right-of-way purposes. The City Manager stated the price offered was a fair price. The Mayor asked all members of the Council to go look at the building and call the City Manager back and let him know what they thought about the price.

There being no further business the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor. (1:45 P.M.)

APPROVED: W. S. Drake

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elvis Hoosley
City Clerk